



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-3428, **Agenda Item #:** 31.

11/18/2021

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to the interlocal agreement with the Housing Authority of the City of Austin to provide emergency rental assistance for vulnerable households, for the term March 15, 2021 through December 31, 2021, to correct record keeping requirements and ensure compliance with federal regulatory requirements.

Lead Department

Housing and Planning Department.

Fiscal Note

This amendment does not include any proposed changes to existing contract language regarding Amount and Source of Funding. This item has no fiscal impact.

Prior Council Action:

August 12, 2020 - Council approved the Fiscal 2020-2021 Housing and Planning Operating Budget.

April 22, 2021- Council ratified the RENT 3.0 Interlocal agreement with HACA.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

On March 6, 2020, a Declaration of Local Disaster was issued by Mayor Adler to allow the City to take measures to avoid the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) across the City and Travis County. On March 13, 2020, Governor Abbott issued a Declaration of State of Disaster that allowed for additional steps to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the spread of COVID-19. The Stay Home - Work Safe Order was issued March 24, 2020, to establish social distancing, and was extended on July 3, 2020. On June 10, 2021 Council approved additional funding for emergency rent assistance.

To provide urgently needed and ongoing emergency rental assistance to vulnerable households, the Housing and Planning Department entered into an interlocal agreement in an amount not to exceed \$29,467,788 with the Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA) to provide emergency rental assistance (RENT 3.0 Interlocal Agreement). This agreement was funded with federal dollars from the United States Department of the Treasury's Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERA1). As that Agreement was approved by Council as a ratification, we are seeking authority to amend the Agreement to correct record keeping requirements, to ensure compliance with all federal regulatory requirements and correct typographic errors and references.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.